

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Below One Year Ago

Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the Fox Valley WDA remained unchanged between February and March. The current rate remains at 6.1 percent. The rate for the three counties that makes up the Appleton/Oshkosh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 5.7 percent. This is lower than the average for the four non MSA counties in the region which were unchanged at 7.0 percent. Green Lake County had the highest percent of unemployed in the region at 9.5 percent an increase 0.8 of a percentage point during the last month and the only county in the region to increase.

The months of March and April are usually the time of year that labor force and employment begins to increase as jobs pick up on a seasonal basis. This usually has a tendency to push unemployment rates down. This trend normally continues through September or October, with a few anomalies. For the most part, the region has shown very little change during March with some growth in employment, but this was offset by similar increases in labor force growth. Although not a lot of improvement is evident in seasonal growth, there does seem to be improvement in the employment picture compared to one year ago. The rate for the region was down 0.5 of a percentage

point from last March with all of the counties showing declines in their unadjusted unemployment rates. Green

Lake had the largest decrease over the year dropping 0.7 of a percentage point. The region's labor force was 12,400 above one year ago, while the number employed was up 12,700 from one year ago.

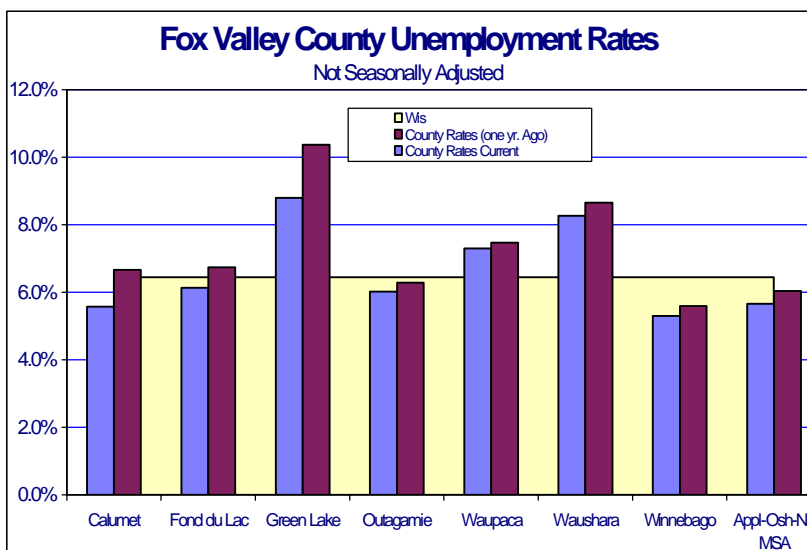
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment

The number of jobs in the Fox Valley Area increased by 1,100 during March with none of the counties having a decrease. Most of the increase occurred in the service producing sector, while the goods producing sector, which includes manufacturing was up 300 over the month.

The number of jobs in the region was up 5,600 from last March. All of the increase in jobs was in the service producing sector. The goods producing sector remained unchanged from last year. Manufacturing which is a component of the goods producing sector was down 400, while construction offset much of this loss with an increase of 300. The leisure and hospitably industry made up nearly one half of the job growth with an increase of 2,500 workers.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States	(000s)
March-2003				
Civilian Labor Force	240,800	3,106,400	145,793	
Employment	229,200	2,941,100	137,348	
Unemployment	11,500	165,300	8,445	
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.3%	5.8%	
February-2003 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	(800)	(500)	(64)	
Employment	(1,200)	4,700	(60)	
Unemployment	300	(5,300)	(5)	
Unemployment rate	0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	
March-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	7,700	29,200	1,426	
Employment	7,900	39,900	1,205	
Unemployment	(100)	(10,600)	221	
Unemployment rate	-0.2%	-0.4%	0.1%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.8 percent. This compares to 5.0 percent one year ago.

The nation's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent, the same

as February. The rate for Wisconsin was down 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.3 percent. The Green Bay MSA was at 4.8 percent, unchanged from last month and last year.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

March 2003	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Non MSA's	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	239,500	59,000	11,200	28,000	12,500	350,200	110,700	3,083,200
Employed	225,900	55,400	10,100	26,000	11,400	328,800	102,900	2,883,500
Unemployed	13,600	3,600	1,100	2,000	1,000	21,300	7,700	199,700
Unemployment rate(%)	5.7%	6.1%	9.5%	7.2%	8.3%	6.1%	7.0%	6.5%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.3%
Total Nonfarm	204,700	48,700	7,400	21,300	6,000	288,100	83,400	2,741,800
Total Private	179,900	42,500	6,100	17,200	4,600	250,300	70,400	2,315,600
Goods Producing	63,100	13,500	1,800	5,800	1,000	85,200	22,100	620,400
Service Producing	141,600	35,200	5,600	15,500	5,100	202,900	61,300	2,121,400
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	11,500	2,600	400	800	300	15,600	4,100	105,500
Manufacturing	51,600	10,900	1,400	5,000	700	69,600	18,000	514,900
Trade	29,600	7,000	900	2,900	1,000	41,400	11,800	422,300
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	1,500	250	500	300	9,300	2,600	307,300
Financial Activities	10,900	1,800	370	800	200	14,100	3,200	152,900
Education and Health Services	21,300	6,600	1,100	2,700	800	32,600	11,300	363,600
Leisure & Hospitality	16,100	4,800	800	2,300	800	24,800	8,700	226,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svc	32,200	7,300	800	2,200	500	43,000	10,800	941,700
Total Government	24,800	6,200	1,300	4,100	1,500	37,800	13,000	426,200
Federal	1,000	600	60	100	100	1,900	900	28,800
State	5,500	5,140	20	800	400	7,400	1,900	102,900
Local	18,300	5,300	1,200	3,100	1,100	28,900	10,600	294,500
Change from one month ago February 2003								
Civilian Labor Force*	-400	300	200	200	100	300	800	2,000
Employed	-400	300	0	200	0	100	500	1,200
Unemployed	0	0	100	0	0	100	100	800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.2%
Total Nonfarm	500	300	50	200	0	1,100	600	9,700
Total Private	100	300	40	100	0	600	500	8,000
Goods Producing	200	100	-40	0	0	300	100	-400
Service Producing	300	200	90	200	0	800	500	10,100
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	0	100	10	0	0	100	100	800
Manufacturing	200	0	-50	0	0	200	0	-1,200
Trade	0	0	20	-10	0	0	0	200
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	-300
Financial Activities	0	100	10	0	0	100	100	200
Education and Health Services	100	0	10	20	0	200	100	1,200
Leisure & Hospitality	0	100	40	70	0	200	200	3,000
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other	-200	0	0	20	0	-100	100	4,300
Total Government	400	0	20	70	0	500	100	1,700
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	400	0	0	10	0	400	0	1,500
Local	0	0	20	60	0	100	100	300
Change from one year ago March 2002								
Civilian Labor Force*	7,000	2,700	500	1,200	1,000	12,400	5,400	68,400
Employed	7,200	2,800	500	1,200	800	12,700	5,300	70,400
Unemployed	-200	-200	0	0	0	-400	-200	-2,000
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.3%	-0.6%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.4%
Total Nonfarm	2,800	1,700	100	600	300	5,600	2,800	6,000
Total Private	2,400	1,500	100	500	400	4,900	2,500	6,000
Goods Producing	0	0	-100	0	100	0	0	-18,300
Service Producing	2,800	1,700	200	700	300	5,600	2,800	24,300
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	200	100	0	0	0	300	200	-5,800
Manufacturing	-200	-100	-100	0	0	-400	-200	-12,400
Trade	-200	0	0	-100	100	-300	-100	-2,200
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	-4,000
Financial Activities	200	100	100	100	0	400	200	1,300
Education and Health Services	300	200	0	300	0	800	500	10,500
Leisure & Hospitality	1,200	500	200	500	100	2,500	1,300	4,200
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other	1,000	800	-100	-100	0	1,500	500	20,600
Total Government	400	100	0	100	0	700	300	0
Federal	-100	-100	0	0	0	-100	-100	-800
State	100	0	0	0	0	100	0	300
Local	400	100	0	200	0	700	300	500

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N/A = data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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